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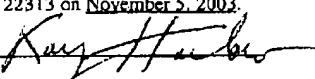
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: )  
Smith et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Application No: 09/747,660 ) Examiner: G. Winter  
Filed: December 22, 2000 ) Atty. Docket No: LAM2P216  
For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN ) Date: November 5, 2003  
A SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND )  
METHODS FOR MAKING AND )  
IMPLEMENTING THE SAME )

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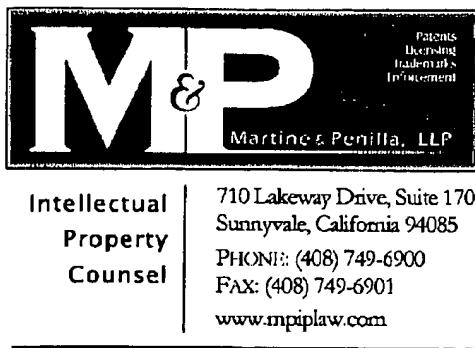
In response to Examiner Gentle Winter's telephonic interview on November 5, 2003,  
please consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent  
application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page  
2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 2 of the paper and include an attached  
replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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| Application No.  | : | 09/747,660   |
| Applicant:       | : | SMITH, et al.  |
| Filed:           | : | December 22, 2000  |
| Title:           | : | WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN A SPIN,<br>RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS FOR<br>MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME |
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| Examiner         | : | G. Winter  |
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- Amendment Transmittal (1 page)
- Amendment (8 pages)
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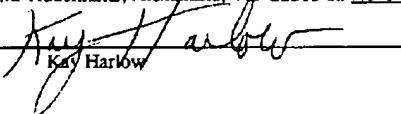
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

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|---|--|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  |  |                         |                                 |          |                                 |
| CLAIMS  | <u>15</u>  | <u>-</u>                                 | <u>30</u>               | <u>.00</u>                      | X09 = \$ | OR X18 = \$                     |
| INDEP   |  |  |                         |                                 |          |                                 |
| CLAIMS  | <u>03</u>  | <u>-</u>                                 | <u>07</u>               | <u>.00</u>                      | X42 = \$ | OR X84 = \$                     |
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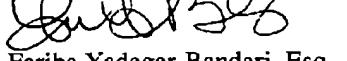
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